

HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION 894

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A RESOLUTION to honor and commend Representative Vince Dean for his honorable and astute service to the people of Tennessee as a member of the House of Representatives.

WHEREAS, it is most appropriate that the members of this body should honor those fellow legislators who have performed their duties with the utmost integrity and whose efforts during their time in office have been dedicated to providing thoughtful and exemplary service to their district and to this great State; and

WHEREAS, Representative Vince Dean of East Ridge is one such distinguished public servant who served both his constituency and this legislative body with honor and ability; and

WHEREAS, Representative Dean is a highly influential figure in the political, social, and civic lives of East Ridge, Chattanooga, and Hamilton County; and he served his constituents in numerous capacities, always working diligently at his elected duties and expending the necessary effort to understand the opposing sides of complex issues; and

WHEREAS, Vince Dean distinguished himself as a public-spirited citizen of the highest order and as an exceptional asset to the good people of the 30th House District, who evinced their firm belief in his abilities as a legislator by electing him to serve four consecutive terms as their representative, a position in which he performed admirably; and

WHEREAS, a member of the 104th through 108th General Assemblies, Vince Dean is respected by all as a dedicated and well-informed legislator who always votes his conscience; and

WHEREAS, as an active and dynamic participant in the legislative process, Representative Dean currently renders sterling service as Chairman of the House Transportation Committee, as well as a member of the House Local Government Committee,

the House Calendar and Rules Committee, and the Tennessee Advisory Commission on Intergovernmental Relations; and

WHEREAS, he previously served with distinction as Vice Chair of the House Transportation Committee, as a member of the House State and Local Government Committee, and as House Republican Floor Leader; and

WHEREAS, during his illustrious tenure as an officer and member of the House Transportation Committee, Chairman Dean sponsored legislation regulating the use of traffic cameras by local governments and legislation to discourage and more severely punish distracted driving, and he also spearheaded a comprehensive study of the long-range funding of Tennessee's transportation system; and

WHEREAS, he utilized and shared the expertise on transportation issues that he gained at the state level as a member of National Conference of State Legislatures' Energy, Transportation and Agriculture Standing Committee and Transportation Coordination Committee; and

WHEREAS, Representative Dean is a family man, business man, and community leader, and he proves that citizens can make a difference by being involved in community service and leading by example; and

WHEREAS, Vince Dean protected and served the public as an officer of the Chattanooga Police Department for twenty-seven years before taking a much deserved retirement; and

WHEREAS, prior to being appointed to serve the remainder of an unexpired term in the House during the 104th General Assembly, Vince Dean provided effective leadership to his community as a three-term city council member in East Ridge and also served as the city's mayor and vice mayor during a ten-year span (1996-2006); and

WHEREAS, his expertise in municipal government led to his appointment to the board of the Tennessee Municipal League (TML); he also served as Chairman of TML's Public Safety Policy Committee and a member of the National League of Cities Public Safety Advisory Committee; and

WHEREAS, a man of deep and abiding Christian faith, Vince Dean serves as a deacon at Central Baptist Church (Abba's House) and is a member of the East Ridge Ministerial Association; and

WHEREAS, Vince Dean is a graduate of The Baylor School and attended the University of Tennessee at Chattanooga and Cleveland State Community College; and

WHEREAS, no stranger to honors and accolades, Chairman Dean was named 2010 Legislator of the Year by the Tennessee Clerks Association and 2012 Distinguished Alumnus by the Chattanooga Boys Choir; and

WHEREAS, a gentleman who truly appreciates the responsibilities, as well as the privileges, of leadership and citizenship, he donates his time and energies as a member of the board of directors of the Southeast Tennessee Development District and the Chattanooga Boys Choir; and

WHEREAS, throughout his outstanding career as a public servant, Vince Dean worked tirelessly on behalf of his constituents, bringing to his office an honorable bearing and the traditional values of hard work and common sense; and

WHEREAS, having proved himself to be a thoughtful and dedicated leader, Chairman Dean is eager to offer himself for public service in a new capacity and is seeking the office of Hamilton County Criminal Court Clerk; and

WHEREAS, his many civic and professional accomplishments aside, Vince Dean is most appreciative of the love and companionship he shares with his wife, Debbie, and children, Sallie Kate, Olivia, and Justin; and

WHEREAS, Representative Vince Dean is wholly committed to the noble precepts of public service that have earned Tennessee recognition as the "Volunteer State," and he should be specially recognized for his exemplary tenure in this body; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE ONE HUNDRED EIGHTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, THE SENATE CONCURRING, that we hereby honor Representative Vince Dean for his meritorious service to Tennessee as a member of the House of Representatives, commend him for his countless contributions and many good works in service of the citizens of the 30th House District and

Hamilton County, and extend to him our best wishes for much continued success and happiness.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that an appropriate copy of this resolution be prepared for presentation with this final clause omitted from such copy.